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FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AND ALDRICH FROM BERLIND

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, UK, NO
SUBJECT: US-UK CONSULTATIONS ON LOS

1. DURING BILATERAL TALKS WITH UK IN PARIS JUNE 27, BRITISH EXPRESSED STRONG DOUBTS EVER VIABILITY OF RESERVING EXPLICITLY THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY (ISA) AS AN ADJUNCT TO ACCEPTING EITHER REVIEW CONFERENCE MORATORIUM INCLUDING THE ENTERPRISE OR ISA JURISDICTION OVER SEABED MINERALS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN NODULES.

2. BRITISH SKEPTICISM RELATES NOT ONLY TO BROAD NATURE OF SUCH A RESERVATION OR THE FACT THAT IT IS FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES TANTAMOUNT TO RENUNCIATION OF THE TREATY, BUT ALSO TO LIVELY POSSIBILITY THAT CUSTOMARY LAW WILL NO LONGER REALISTICALLY PERMIT THE CLAIM THAT MINING CAN BE CONDUCTED AS A HIGH SEAS FREEDOM BY THE TIME EITHER EVENT OCCURS (MORATORIUM OR EXPLOITABILITY OF NON-NODULE SEABED MINERALS).

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3. BRITISH TOLD US THAT ARCULUS WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH YOU BOTH ON JULY 6, ALONG WITH OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED IN HIS LETTER OF JUNE 8. (WESSNER IS PREPARING DETAILED RECORD OF US-UK BILATERAL FOR DISTRIBUTION TO INTERAGENCY GROUP AND EMBASSY LONDON).
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